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11. Embassy Bridgetown has received from the Government of St. Christopher (Kitts) and Nevis the following response to the demarche on the Beneficiaries of the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) dated June 8, 2006 (ref B).

Begin text:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, Industry and Commerce presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States and has the honour to acknowledge and share the concerns of the Embassy regarding the need for unanimity of support by WTO members for a waiver to allow for benefits under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, Industry and Commerce has the further honor to indicate that it has taken action to encourage support for waiver.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, Industry and Commerce avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States the assurances of its high consideration.

End text.

 $\P 2$. Post will report any other responses upon arrival. KRAMER